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OBEY BRIEFED ON PORT WING WASTE WATER FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

PORT WING, WI – Seventh District Congressman Dave Obey (D-WI) was in the Town of Port Wing today to receive a briefing on how they plan to use federal funds to make improvements to the waste water facility. The Town of Port Wing received \$1.142 million in federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds through the USDA Rural Development program. The ARRA funding was provided through legislation produced by the Appropriations Committee which Obey chairs. Another \$1.829 million of Section 154 funds came through the Army Corps of Engineers for the effort.

“This effort will upgrade Port Wing’s wastewater treatment plant and provide local jobs at the same time,” said Obey. “We can meet the Town’s growing needs and protect the environment while easing the burden on local property taxpayers. I’m glad to be here today to see how plans are progressing.

The current treatment facility which is located west of the community was constructed in 1968. Improvements to the treatment plant would double the current capacity of the existing plant. According to current plans, construction of the plant would begin next spring and be completed in the fall of 2010. The improved plant is designed to comply with new discharge requirements.

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